

## REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 6, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 6, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

### Examiner Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for conducting the interview on February 18, 2004, regarding the species restriction of Figs. 3-5 and Figs. 6-8. During the interview, it was determined that Figs. 3-5 and Figs. 6-8 can be combined into a single species.

### Election/Restriction

Claims 1-47 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group 1 – The species of Figs. 1-2.

Group 2 – The species of Figs. 3-5 and Figs. 6-8.

Group 3 – The species of Fig. 9.

Applicants provisionally elect Group 2, the Species of Figures 3-5 and Figs. 6-8, without traverse. Applicants believe claims 1-39, 41, 46, and 47 read on Group 2.

### Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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